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SPECIAL STATUS TO STATES UNDER AIBP
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposals from the State Governments including Karnataka for according Special Status under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme; and

(b) if so, by when the proposals are likely to be given clearance?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) For providing Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) the seven North Eastern States, the States of Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Uttaranchal and Koraput, Bolangir and Kalahandi districts of Orissa are categorized as Special Category States/region and the remaining States as non-Special Category States. In the recent past no proposal has been received from the State Governments including Government of Karnataka for according special status to the States under AIBP. The revised guidelines effective from 1st April, 2005 provide that drought-prone areas, tribal areas and flood prone areas in the country, to be identified in consultation with the Planning Commission shall be treated at par with special Category States for funding under AIBP.